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TAGS: PORG, UNGA  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 DEFERS ACTION ON GUAM,  
BERMUDA, TURKS AND CAICOS

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1. SUMMARY. AT COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) MEETING JUNE 30 SOVIET DEL PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH ON MILITARY BASES IN REPORT ON TURKS AND CAICOS WHICH WOULD MAKE PARA UNACCEPTABLE TO MANY OTHR DELS. DESPITE APPEALS FROM CHAIRMAN AND OTHERS, SOVIETS MAINTAINED PROPOSAL. COMMITTEE THEN ACCEPTED SYRIAN PROPOSAL THAT ACTION BE DEFERRED UNTIL AUGUST SESSION. BERMUDA AND GUAM REPORTS SIMILARLY DEFERRED, WITH SYRIAN RAPPORTEUR OF C-24 AND IVORY COAST CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES CHARGED WITH TRYING TO FIND ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR ALL THREE REPORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. C-24 MET JUNE 30 TO COMPLETE ACTION ON REPORTS ON GUAM, BERMUDA AND TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (A/AC.109/L.1254, L.1242, AND L.1228) OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES. SOVIET AMB KHARLAMOV MADE GENERAL STATEMENT CONCERNING ALL THREE REPORTS, COMPLAINING THAT THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD SET FOR THESE TERRITORIES TO BE "DECOLONIZED". SECONDLY, HE SAID HIS DEL COULD NOT ACCEPT "UNJUSTIFIED" ARGUMENT THAT THESE ISLANDS WERE NOT ABLE TO GOVERN THEMSELVES.

3. TURNING TO FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA - L.1228 ON TURKS AND CAICOS - KHARLAMOV CALLED REFERENCE TO PARTICIPATION OF ADMINISTERING POWER IN WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE "SUPERFLOUS" SINCE SUCH PARTICIPATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS ONLY TO BE EXPECTED. HE THEN NOTED PARA 6(7) ON MILITARY BASES WAS BADLY WORDED. IN HID DEL'S VIEW MILITARY BASES DO PREVENT DEPENDENT PEOPLES FROM EXERCISING RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE THEREFORE WISHED TO PROPOSE AMENDMENT: IN PLACE OF WORDS "SHOULD NOT PREVENT THE PEOPLE", SUBSTITUTE "PREVENTS THE PEOPLE". ONCE A TERRITORY WAS INDEPENDENT IT COULD DECIDE WHETHER IT WISHED TO INVITE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ANOTHER STATE, SINCE THIS WAS A SOVEREIGN RIGHT, BUT MILITARY BASES SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM DEPENDENT TERRITORIES. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S QUERY KHARLAMOV SAID HIS WAS A FORMAL PROPOSAL, NOT STATEMENT OF STRONG RESERVATION, AND SOVIET DEL WOULD VOTE AGAINST PARA AS IT STOOD IN DRAFT REPORT.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KOUAME SPEAKING AS IVORY COAST REP, NOTED 18 MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE HAD REACHED CONSENSUS ONLY AFTER INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS OVER LONG PERIOD OF TIME. THE TEXT WAS A COMPROMISE AND HE APPEALED TO USSR IN SPIRIT OF

CONSENSUS AND COMPROMISE NOT TO PRESS AMENDMENT.  
CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA), SPEAKING IN PERSONAL  
CAPACITY, NOTED STRONG VIEWS HELD BY MANY DELS ON  
THIS SUBJECT, WHICH WERE WELL-KNOWN. BUT HIS CONCERN  
WAS THAT COMMITTEE ACTION PROVIDE BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE  
ACTION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE APPEALED  
TO MEMBERS TO ACT IN SPIRIT OF BROAD AGREEMENT AND  
COMPROMISE; OTHERWISE C-24 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO  
PLAY APPROPRIATE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN GA. HE ALSO NOTED  
EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN SUBCOMMITTEE AND DID NOT  
SEE HOW WHOLE ISSUE COULD BE RE-OPENED AT THIS  
STAGE.

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5. SWEDEN (AHLANDER) POINTED OUT THROUGH DISCUSSION  
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OF MILITARY BASES ISSUE IN SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH HAD  
SHOWN CLEAR DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS.  
CONSENSUS HAD FINALLY BEEN ACHIEVED, HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH  
IT WAS NO SECRET THAT FORMULATION WAS NOT ENTIRELY  
SATISFACTORY TO ALL. HE SAID HIS DEL COULD NOT  
ACCEPT STRONGER WORDING, SUCH AS SUGGESTED BY USSR,  
AND JOINED IN APPEAL THAT REPORT BE  
ACCEPTED AS CONSENSUS. AUSTRALIA (MORRIS)  
SUPPORTED STATEMENTS OF KOUAME AND SALIM. AS  
RAPPORTEUR OF SUBCOMMITTEE HE COULD CONFIRM THAT 8 OR 9  
WEEKS HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON WORDING  
IN QUESTION. HIS DELEGATION HAD HAD TROUBLE IN  
SUPPORTING THE WORDING BUT HAD JOINED IN CONSENSUS AS  
COMPROMISE. AFTER CITING STATEMENT FROM SECRETARIAT  
WORKING PAPER ON TURKS AND CAICOS INDICATING PEOPLE  
OF TERRITORY HAD REQUESTED MILITARY BASE TO  
REMAIN, MORRIS JOINED IN APPEAL FOR CONSENSUS.

6. CZECHOSLOVAKIA (PENAZKA) NOTED HIS DEL'S SUPPORT  
FOR GA RESOLUTIONS THAT CALL ON ADMINISTERING  
POWERS TO DISMANTLE MILITARY BASES IN DEPENDENT  
TERRITORIES SINCE THEY ARE OBSTACLE TO DECOLONIZATION.  
HE HAD EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS IN SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON WORKING OF PARA 6(7) AND THEREFORE FULLY  
SUPPORTED SOVIET AMENDMENT.

7. SYRIAN RAPPORTEUR (GLAIEL) PROPOSED THAT DEBATE  
ON THIS REPORT BE DEFERRED UNTIL COMMITTEE'S  
NEXT SESSION IN AUGUST. PERHAPS ACCEPTABLE WORDING  
COULD BE FOUND IN MEANTIME. CHAIRMAN ASKED  
IF THERE WAS ANY OBJECTION AND THERE BEING NONE,  
REPORT WAS DEFERRED. SOVIET REP THEN TOOK FLOOR ON  
NEXT ITEM- L.1242 ON BERMUDA. HE NOTED SIMILAR PARA  
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6(11) IN THIS REPORT AND THOUGHT PERHAPS IT SHOULD BE  
DEFERRED ALSO. CUBA (SANCHEZ) SAID HIS DEL'S POSITION  
ON MILITARY BASES WAS CLEAR- THEY SHOULD BE DISMANTLED

AS THEY WERE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HAMPERING THE MOVE OF DEPENDENT PEOPLES TO INDEPENDENCE. IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE HE HAD BEEN FLEXIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, IF A NON-MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WISHED TO MAKE A PROPOSAL IN THE FULL COMMITTEE WITH WHICH CUBA CONCURRED, CUBA WOULD SUPPORT IT. HE THEREFORE SUPPORTED THE SOVIET AMENDMENT.

8. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT SYRIAN PROPOSAL FOR DEFERRAL WAS EQUALLY RELEVANT TO THIS SECOND AGENDA ITEM, AND PERHAPS TO THE THIRD (GUAM) AS WELL. IF THERE WAS NO OBJECTION, HE SUGGESTED ALL THREE REPORTS BE DEFERRED UNTIL AUGUST AND THIS WAS AGREED. SALIM MADE A "PERSONAL TRIBUTE" TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND APPEALED TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO TRY TO ARRIVE AT A COMMON POSITION, DESPITE VIEWS. HE ASKED SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KOUAME AND C-24 RAPPORTEUR GLAIEL TO TRY TO GET AGREEMENT ON PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION IN AUGUST. IN ACCEPTING TASK, KOUAME EMPHASIZED THAT HE WOULD RELY ON THE GOOD WILL OF ALL C-24 MEMBERS TO FIND ACCEPTABLE WORDING. CHAIR ANNOUNCED NEXT C-24 MEETING WOULD BE AUGUST 1. LEONARD

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